SOLD MINE FOR $500; LOST HALF-MILLION

Canadian Prospector Original "Hard Luck" Miner.

Quesnel, B. C.—Some weeks ago the press of the continent chronicled the death of Abe Stott, characterized the original "hard luck" miner of this district. The story was told how Stott had sold for $500 a claim which brought its purchaser a cool half million.

Since Stott's death the story of his early adventures in the Cariboo country has been told by old-timers who knew him well and were in the territory when he listened to wiseacres who told him there could not be gold in his holdings and witnessed him sell his birthright for a mess of pottage.

Pat McKenna, a young Irish policeman, fresh from the Chicago blue-coated force, gets a place in this story, because, if he had not made Stott's acquaintance the Englishman probably never would have made his strike.

McKenna made his way up to Barkerville, the headquarters of the Cariboo miners and after a week of trying to drink the hardened miners under the table, he decided to seek a quieter spot. He ran into Stott, who told him of the quietude around Eight-Mile lake where the fish bit well.

Find Gold Near Camp.

A week in the new atmosphere was enough for the young Irishman to throw off the effect of his drinking bout and give him his fill of fishing. He decided he would do some prospecting. He did not know how to go about it and Stott, a window dresser, could give him little assistance. So Pat decided to start right at the camp.

He dug a hole in front of the tent and washed the dirt in the brook which ran by. Presently he discovered nuggets in the bottom of his pan, even though practical miners said formation of the ground barred gold. Yet the partners turned up gold nuggets whenever they felt like panning a barrowful. Occasionally they went out, fished a day or two and replenished their pokes for months at a time.

Even then the scientists wouldn't admit gold was there in paying quantities. Eventually Stott became disheartened and sold his share in the claim to Billy Ogden, an old-time prospector, for $500.

Ogden and McKenna worked their claim for a while and when a Minneapolis man named Hannah offered them $15,000 for their property they grabbed it before the buyer could change his mind. Hannah began intensive work on the mine and when he got through with it he had taken gold to the value of $500,000 from his claim.

Pat Buys a Saloon.

McKenna took his $8,000 and bought a saloon from a smart business woman. The open-hearted Irishman had trusted the woman and she had taken advantage of him, stripping the place of nearly everything of value before she turned it over to him. Pat was not a success as a saloonkeeper and the business deteriorated to such an extent that he, too, was soon out in the hills, prospecting in earnest.

But he had left it until too late. Repeated and continued efforts to uphold his reputation as a drinker had undermined his health.

"He the howlies," he often declared, "ye can't beat thim cold Cariboo miners anywhere."

Pat died a few months later and was buried in the hills he loved so well. And now his partner has passed on.

Rajah Buys Auto With Light to Dazzle Animals

London.—Camouflaged in green, brown and other shades of the jungles so as to deceive the keen eyes of wild animals, a special hunting automobile has been completed here for Rajah S. M. Saadat Ali Khan of Nanpara, India. A dazzle light to bewilder tigers and lions is part of the equipment of the car, which cost about $20,000.

The car is of 50 horsepower and was designed for exclusive use in the jungles. It has buffers in front and behind to protect it from charges by wild animals. It has room for six persons. Included in its equipment is an icebox for cooling bottled drinks, a water tank, a first-aid outfit and clips for rifles and shotguns.

Starched Collar Called Instrument of Torture

Paris.—That the starched collar is an instrument of torture, a straitjacket for the neck, and must disappear is the first article in the by-laws of the Anti-Collar league, recently organized in Paris. The founders are all writers of some note, but the collarless fashion is making timid progress.

At the first meeting of the league Andre Antoine, a noted author and theatrical critic, was elected president and an executive committee formed. Press photographers in attendance asked the committee to pose for a picture. When the picture appeared in the newspapers it was found that seven out of eight on the committee were wearing stiff collars.

Won't Talk About It

Hull, England.—Having had a narrow escape from being cremated, George Bernard Shaw feels he must go slowly in the matter of public speaking and has declined an invitation to address the Federation of Cremation Authorities.

SUNSPOTS CAUSE BOREALIS PRANKS

Scientist Sees Connection in Magnetic Phenomena.

London.—Connection between the spots on the sun and the displays of the aurora borealis and similar magnetic phenomena of the last few days, was seen by Dr. A. C. Cronmelin of the Royal observatory, Greenwich.

He told how it may be possible that great streams of electrons thrown off by the sunspots, which he described as tremendous whirlpools of gas on the sun, may travel through the ether until they come within the magnetic influence of the earth.

Concentration of these electronic streams toward the North and South poles, he said, may give rise to the activity of the aurora and its accompanying phenomena.

"The sun is more active now than it has been since 1922," Doctor Cronmelin said. "Its activity usually reaches its maximum in about four and a half years after its minimum activity.

"Sunspots are vast whirlpools of gas on the surface of the sun, some of them 50,000 miles across.

"Magnetic disturbances on the earth now are generally thought to be produced by streams of electrons projected from the surface of the sun, when it is especially active.

"The sunspots may well be the origin of these streams of electric particles which cross 93,000,000 miles of ether between the sun and earth and create magnetic storms on the earth, generally producing at the same time the phenomenon of the aurora borealis.

"These particles are attracted to the magnetic centers at the earth's North and South poles.

"They create, among other things, disturbances on the telegraph wires and cables by producing induced currents which confuse ordinary messages.

"At the same time that sunspots occur, flames of gas extending sometimes to a height of over 200,000 miles may be observed to erupt from the sun's surface."

Monks 8,000 Feet Up Live to Ripe Old Age

Great St. Bernard, French Alps.—Living 8,000 feet above the sea level, the monks here reach the normal span of years of their countrymen in the plains, but their dogs, celebrated for their numerous rescues of snowbound Alpine climbers, very seldom pass the age of eight.

This was the information given by the prior to a French journalist who investigated the truth of a statement that the monks never lived beyond thirty and the dogs five.

"I have been at the abbey for more than 30 years," said the prior, a patriarch with a long white flowing beard, "and you may be sure I did not enter it as a nursing baby."

Those whose hearts were sound ran no risk, he added, but the dogs were less fortunate.

"The poor animals suffer terribly from the snow, which little by little makes them blind. There are only nine at present. Each has a fine kennel, with good straw and excellent food. They are kept in the darkness of the cellars so that their eyes may have some relief. But the snow blindness gets them all."

Austrians Use Sirens to Filibuster in Diet

London.—Members of the opposition in Parliament are envying the ingenuity of the Social Democratic members of the Styrian diet, in Austria, who have evolved a method of filibustering for surpassing the old-fashioned device of delivering long-winded orations. Determined to frustrate the election of Dr. Anton Rintelen as governor of the province, the Social Democrats appeared in parliament armed with storage batteries and phonographs.

They connected the batteries with sirens, whistles, trumpets and other wind instruments and turned on the current. This cramped the parliament's style. Then they set phonographs going, playing different tunes at the same time, whereupon all legislative business was halted. These concerts were kept up for more than a week, keeping a regular schedule from 11 in the morning to 8 in the evening, with short intervals for meals.

Bruin Blocks Traffic

Royalton, Vt.—An automobile on the Bethel highway says he had to stop to avoid colliding with a full-grown bruin napping in the roadway.

Cockfighting Is Being Revived in England

Derby, England.—Cockfighting is being slowly revived in England, notwithstanding the law against it. During the present week a fight was secretly staged in one the Derbyshire hills. A large crowd witnessed seven battles in which five birds were killed and two maimed. The sweepstakes totaled $2,000 and there was considerable betting. "Cocker" societies are said to exist in almost every county in England and fights are staged without interference by the police.

AMERICANS HEROIC IN ARMENIA QUAKE

Doctors and Nurses Aid Victims of Disaster.

Moscow.—A stirring story of American heroism in the face of a disaster has reached here in a telegram from the American Near East relief committee in Leninkan in the heart of the Armenian earthquake district where 400 were killed and thousands injured.

While the earth rocked beneath them and the panic-stricken population fled madly through the streets, the American doctors and nurses operated all night long on the earthquake victims in the open air. The committee telegraphed:

"The earthquake centralized in the Kars-Leninkan district. Erivan was not touched. Twelve towns were totally destroyed and thirteen others practically wiped out. Hundreds were killed and thousands injured. Over 600 homes were destroyed in Leninkan. The damage to the Near East Relief buildings was considerable. Heroic work was done by the American and native personnel. Our doctors and nurses operated on victims all night during the continued shocks.

"The government transferred cases to our houses on account of their buildings being shattered. Our hospital was evacuated and we worked under tents. The orphans and the American personnel miraculously escaped injuries. The government's martial law is efficiently controlling the situation. The entire population is sleeping in parks and fields in the crudest shelters."

Billion-Year-Old Fossils Discovered by Scientists

Washington.—Fossil deposits of the earliest known animal life on earth, dating back between one and two billions of years, furnished the material for field work in Utah and Montana, from which Dr. Charles E. Resser and Erwin R. Cohn, Smithsonian paleontologists, have just returned.

These fossils are found in the Cambrian rocks. They consist mainly of trilobites—a crustacean life which became extinct about the time the coal measures were deposited. Their closest modern relative is the being shrimps, curious creatures abundant in the Great Salt lake and in the Dead sea. A billion and a half years ago these trilobites were the dominant life in the sea, there being, so far as is known, no land animals. Up to the present time about 2,000 different kinds of them are known from the Cambrian alone. Ultimately this number may reach 5,000.

A few fossils have been found in rocks older than the Cambrian, but in the Cambrian life flowered suddenly into startling abundance. It is only in comparatively recent years that life has been known in the Cambrian. Fifty years ago geologists believed the Ordovician, two periods later than the Cambrian, contained the oldest life. But the life-long work of Dr. Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian institution, proved the older view to be incorrect.

Reach Same Opera Post From Poverty and Wealth

New York.—Two American artists in the Paris Opera company this year have arrived in starkly contrast.

Rose des Rosiers, who sings Marguerite in "Faust," is a French-Canadian girl from Holyoke, Mass. Miss Rosiers struggled for years against the poverty that left her an orphaned family of 10 children, of whom she was the youngest. After singing in taverns and hands for a time to earn a livelihood, she was found by a wealthy Holyoke woman, and sent to Paris to complete her career.

In contrast to the seventeen-year-old Canadian girl, Lucretia Goddard, the model for operatic debut also is Marguerite in "Faust." She is a soprano whose achievements have been attended by every assistance from her wealthy and influential family.

Sounds Reasonable

Guebling, France.—Of a population of 315 in this hamlet 12 persons have passed eighty years. Their recipe is hard work in the fields, plain food and red wine.

Wins Scouts' Highest Honor for Heroism

New York.—The heroism of John J. Henley, a boy scout of Evanston, Wyo., in saving a companion from drowning at the risk of his own life, has been rewarded with the gold medal of honor, the highest decoration in the boy scout organization, it was announced at national headquarters, 200 Fifth avenue. The award was made by the national court of honor, and was accompanied by a certificate for heroism and a letter from Daniel Carter Beard, national scout commissioner.

Young Henley's exploit occurred on August 15, 1925. It was remarkable in that he is only fourteen years old, four feet ten inches tall and weighs 90 pounds, whereas the boy he rescued, Ernest Donnelan, was four inches taller and outweighed him by 18 pounds, though of the same age.

No More Harems

Constantinople.—The Turks are perturbed and amused by charges of Bishop Manning of New York that there are 100,000 Christian captives in harems. The natives say it would be hard to find one harem in the country and polygamy is just as rare.

Champ Wins Parole

New York.—Hymie Caronock won a parole from County Judge Marth on a plea that he (Hymie) was the world's champion pretzel bender, and New York would miss his inimitable output.

PROVES SANITY, BUT LOSES REPUTATION

Famous "Two-Gun" Man Just a Fine Liar.

Mission, S. D.—"Automatic Bill" Hackworth has lost his reputation. Mission thought "Automatic" was a regular two-gun man, but it finds he was simply a liar, instead.

"Automatic Bill's" reputation all over the Rosebud country was that of a bad man—an awfully bad man at that. It was known that he would shoot at the drop of the hat and consequently he never had to shoot. But "Automatic" worked up such a reputation, such a tremendously bad reputation, that last week he was dragged before the sanity commission.

And the sanity commission decided "Automatic Bill," the terror of the Rosebud, was just a liar. The commission further decided Bill was just as sane as any one, but that he certainly had a good line of stories.

Just to Amuse.

"Automatic" admitted some of his stories were told "just to amuse the boys," who expected big, bloody stories from him, personal exploits, etc., and he just hated to disappoint them.

Now the Rosebud country is trying to figure out how "Automatic Bill" ever got his reputation as a two-gun man. With the biggest name along that line in all the Dakotas and Indian country, not a single case in which "Automatic" actually used his gun can be found.

"Automatic Bill" Hackworth is a little fellow about fifty years old. He wears a Scotch cap with a piece of cloth sewed around the back and sides like a shelk of the desert. Around his waist he wears a belt, supposedly in which to carry two or three automatic pistols.

The belted with which he could get his guns out and go into action with them has disappeared long years ago, if dead men who were too slow on the draw, according to his stories. Bill lives on an Indian allotment a mile or so from Mission and farms a little bit for a living.

One of "Automatic Bill's" prize stories was told in connection with the World' war.

"I was with a Canadian regiment," he said. "There was a German machine gun nest on a hill top. We got one of the aviators to tie me on the end of a rope and fly over that hill. With an automatic in each hand, I killed every German in that nest and silenced the guns. They shot at me 1,000 times but I wasn't hit."

But another time "Automatic" had a fight—a real fight, he says—with a bunch of a dozen or more and they just shot him to pieces. "Had to have all the bones in my leg and on one side, including the ribs, cut away and silver bones put in their places, they were broken up so bad," says Bill.

Another one of Bill's stories that always pleased his hearers was of his treatment of an old acquaintance whom he met when he went over the top in France one night. This old acquaintance was in the German army. Bill slashed off his head, put it in a box and sent it to the father's farm in Kansas, with a message of how much he thought of the dead man.

Not All Bloody.

But not all of "Automatic Bill's" claims to fame were grounded on blood. He grafted lettuce and Russian thistle and sold a single plant for $500 and a dozen for $2,000 to a dozen of the saloons in Mission. Bill also grafted turnips and cabbage and made a lot of other such discoveries, but in the sanity hearing last week he laughingly told the commission he just told the stories to amuse himself.

Last week "Automatic Bill" came into Mission wearing his guns pulled far forward where he could get to them quickly, and carrying a Winchester rifle across his arm. He announced he was looking for the fellow who fired a shot through his window the night previous.

Mission took to its hole and pulled the hole in after. Stores were closed. Everybody got off the street. School children were sent home through back streets and told not to come back.

"The two-gun man is on a rampage," was whispered all over town. "He's liable to kill anybody in the place."

Finally two deputies went out and talked to Bill a few minutes. Then they grabbed him, took his guns and his rifle away from him and locked him up. The next day he was before the sanity commission, where he proved he was sane, but he lost his reputation when he did so.

Now Mission is wondering how "Automatic Bill" ever ran his bluff on the community for so long and how he got his reputation as a two-gun man anyway. He hasn't any more reputation as a two-gun man, but he's got a splendid one as a liar.

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Lesson for December 12

THE BOY SAMUEL

LESSON TEXT—I Sam. 3:10, 18-19.
GOLDEN TEXT—Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth.
PRIMARY TOPIC—The Boy Samuel.
JUNIOR TOPIC—God Calls the Boy Samuel.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Childhood of a Great Leader.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Hearing and Heeding God's Voice.

In order to grasp the story of Samuel's boyhood life, a survey should be made of I Samuel, ch. 1-3.

I. Samuel Given in Answer to Prayer (I Sam. 1:18, 20).

1. Hannah's Prayer. Hannah "asked of God." He was given to Hannah in answer to her prayer. In connection with her asking this gift from God, she vowed to give him to God. He was to be therefore a Nazarite all the days of his life.

II. Samuel Given to the Lord (I Sam. 1:24-28).

For a time he was cared for by his mother in the home. The best nurse and teacher for a child is its mother. According to her promise she asked the Lord for this child, at an early age she took Samuel to the sanctuary and gave him over to the charge of Eli, the priest, to minister in the sanctuary.

III. Features of Israel's History in This Period (2:12-36).

1. The demoralized priesthood.

(1) They were actuated by greed (2:12-17).

It was God's will that those who ministered at the altar should live of the things of the altar, but they broke through the divine regulations touching this matter, even to securing their selfish ends by force.

(2) Gross immorality (2:22).

The courts of God's house were thus polluted. The condition of the nation was most appalling. Degradation and ruin follow rapidly when God's ministers are under the sway of lust and greed.

2. An alienated people (2:30-32).

Their alienation from God. God's holiness is such that those who approach him must be holy. Sin

3. The cessation of divine revelation (3:1).

The Word of God was precious in those days. There was no open vision. This shows that God was silent. The message from the Lord was more to be desired than a present experience. The same thing in principle is true of the individual life today; those who once enjoyed fellowship with God no longer hear His voice speaking to them.

IV. God Called Samuel (3:2-10).

In striking contrast with the degeneracy of the nation, we have before us the beautiful life of Samuel. Dwelling within the secret courts and ministering before the Lord with Eli (500 and a half years before a dozen of the plants from another file. In Samuel we have a striking pattern of child religion. The Lord gave him in answer to Hannah's prayer. From his birth he was consecrated to the Lord. While quite young his mother took him to the sanctuary and left him there to be served and slept. Two traits in Samuel's character stand out in this call, namely, his ready obedience to the Lord's call and his surrendered will. He expressed his willingness before he knew what was required. He did not inquire what was wanted and then let his obedience depend upon its suiting him. We should believe that the Lord knows what is best and be willing to yield glad obedience to His commands.

V. Samuel's First Prophetic Message (3:11-18).

Up to this time Samuel obeyed the one who was over him, but the time had now come when he must directly hear and obey the Lord. The first message entrusted to him was a most terrible one. To deliver it was a most trying task. He hesitated to tell it to Eli, but when moved by him he manifested the true courage which was bring back of his fear. It must have been a bitter experience to Eli to see Samuel recognized and himself passed by, but he was submissive. He knew that the slight was just. He could not fail to recognize in this view of the appearance of the man of God to him (2:27-36). This fearful visitation upon Eli's house was due to the sins of his sons. He was held accountable for not restraining them.

VI. Samuel Established in the Prophetic Office (3:19-21).

"And Samuel grew and the Lord was with him and did let none of his words fall to the ground and all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord."

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VERA

From the looks of the weather last Sunday winter has put in its appearance.

The cries of hogs are heard every cold morning—the smokehouses are receiving their annual stock of meat.

Carrier Jud Kinney had a streak of luck last week while on duty he ran into a gang of wild turkeys and succeeded in killing one.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robertson, of Lynchburg, visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Robertson for the week-end.

We are glad to hear Mrs. Charlie E. Lewis is better, hope she will soon be back home.

Slider's Sale was well attended from all reports and everything sold for its value.

Mr. Sidney Nowlin and a couple of friends from Lynchburg were in the neighborhood last Saturday on a hunt.

The change of schedule on the N. & W. has paralized our newspaper service.

Mrs. T. P. Robertson has been under the care of a doctor with a risen on her hand, hope she will soon be well

The farmers of this section continue to market tobacco but the prices are very low.

EVERGREEN

Butchering hogs is the order of the day now, every one busy getting ready for Xmas.

Miss Elnor Ferguson and Miss Lizzie Ranson, of Lynchburg, were guests of their home people Sunday.

Miss Ida Bell and Myrtle Evans, of S. T. C., were week-end guests of home people last week.

Mr. J. W. St. Clair, of Roanoke, was week-end guest of relatives here last week.

Mr. R. J. Probett who has been in the Memorial hospital for treatment has returned to his home here.

Mrs. John Evans who has been visiting relatives in Texas, has returned to her home here accompanied by her son.

Mr. Elijah Farrar, of Roanoke, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Farrar last week.

Mrs. J. J. Farrar was the guest of Mrs. G. T. Farrar in Lynchburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Childress were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thomas last week.

The ladies of the Baptist church will have an oyster supper at the school house here next Saturday, the 11th, beginning at 5 o'clock.

We are sorry to note the death of Mr. B. B. Pulliam who died at the home of Mr. J. J. Farrar, Nov. 31. He was 88 years old. After funeral services conducted by Rev. E. F. Burnett, his remains were taken to Diugui's undertaking parlor, and the next day were interred in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Lynchburg.

Mr. J. J., Ernest and John Farrar, and Miss Elsie Marks attended the burial of Mr. B. B. Pulliam in Lynchburg last Wednesday.

Mr Otis Inge, of Lynchburg, were the week-end guests of his parents here last week.

We hear that Mr. A. B. Hunter has two children ill with pneumonia, hope they will soon be out of danger.

3,000 at Service Vow They Talk With Dead

London.—An impressive belief in spiritualism was registered at the spiritualists' annual armistice service in Albert hall. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, leading the services, suddenly appealed to his hearers, shouting:

"I ask all who are sure that they have been in touch with their dead to rise and testify."

More than 3,000 men and women of all types quietly rose, and this brought from Sir Arthur this fervent statement:

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